

**WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT
COMMUNITY WETLAND RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM 2010**

Project: Santa Barbara Zoo Wetland Margin Enhancement
Grantee: Channel Islands Restoration
Award: \$29,100

The project will remove key invasive plant species and planting native plants at the Santa Barbara Zoo on the perimeter of the Andree Clark Bird Refuge, primarily using volunteers and emphasizing community involvement/education of zoo visitors and other community members.

Project: San Nicholas Wetland Enhancement
Grantee: UCSB
Award: \$24,000

The project will involve UCSB student interns and Kids in Nature (K-12) students in restoration of a ½ acre freshwater wetland on the north shore of UCSB Campus Lagoon. The site is currently degraded, weed-dominated and yet an amazing opportunity for freshwater expression on campus.

Project: Ventura River Parkway Land Acquisitions and Community-Assisted Stewardship Planning
Grantee: Ventura Hillsides Conservancy
Award: \$17,600

The project will facilitate the transfer of ownership of key wetland/riparian habitat within the Ventura River Parkway Plan area to the Ventura Hillsides Conservancy from willing private landowners, including acquisition transaction costs, the development of restoration plans, and the implementation of community-assisted biological surveys, site clean-ups and nature activities—partnering with local students, volunteers and resource professionals.

Project: Pilot Riparian Restoration along the Santa Clara River
Grantee: CSUCI
Award: \$15,000

The project will implement *Arundo donax* eradication and riparian restoration efforts along the Santa Clara River which will establish self-sustaining native habitat while creating a hands-on learning opportunity for CSU Channel Islands students, UCSB students, Oxnard College students, Green Generations Club members, and the general public. Practitioners will work in small groups and attend lectures and discussions led by CSU and UCSB faculty on key components of creating and implementing successful ecosystem restoration projects. Specialists will then serve as mentors while the students and volunteers use what they have learned to restore native vegetation and proper ecosystem function.

Project: Ormond Beach Native Plant Restoration
Grantee: Channel Islands Marine Resource Institute (CIMRI)
Award: \$12,420

The project will remove non-native invasive plant species, including *Myoporum*, ice plant (*Carpobrotus sp.*) and pampas grass from back dunes and from a seasonal wetland bordering the back dunes and the Ormond Beach Generating Station. Replanting will be undertaken with native dune and salt marsh plants. Students from Oxnard College's Environmental Studies Program, and local high schools along with volunteers from the local community will learn concepts of restoration, conservation, and fundamentals of wetland delineation and function while participating in the project.

Project: La Sierra Lake and Creek Enhancement at Seminole Springs
Grantee: Mountains Restoration Trust
Award: \$21,000

The project will bring together the Mountains Restoration Trust and the Seminole Hot Springs Home Owners Association to restore wetland buffer habitat areas supporting the La Sierra Lake. The project will reduce erosion into La Sierra Lake while building community awareness and stewardship.

Project: Grand Canal Lagoon Restoration
Grantee: Ballona Institute
Award: \$23,000

The project will regenerate, enhance, and protect wildlife and habitat connectivity along the Grand Canal, as well as protect plant and animal species of special concern and enhance their recovery, prevent erosion of lagoon banks, and protect and restore native plant communities.

Project: Fairview Park Vernal Pool Restoration
Grantee: City of Costa Mesa
Award: \$8,500

The project will restore a portion of the 2.1 acre vernal pool in Fairview Park. Prepare a restoration plan, collect and disperse inoculums to restore an un-vegetated path that currently bisects the vernal pool, install educational signage, and organize tours to local schools and the public.

Project: Fullerton Creek Phase I: Riparian Habitat Enhancement
Grantee: City of Brea
Award: \$12,000

The project will restore approximately 0.4 acres of upland riparian habitat (removal of non-native and invasive vegetation, and planting of native upland species) along the headwaters of Fullerton Creek within the City of Brea. This project is Phase I of a larger project to restore and stabilize an approximately ½ mile length of Fullerton Creek upstream of Craig Lake within Craig Regional Park.

Project: Watershed Avengers
Grantee: Ocean Discovery Institute
Award: \$25,000

The project will integrate strong cross-sector collaboration and capacity building, education provided throughout the year, restoration of a highly degraded canyon, enhancement of a school garden, and youth-led events that will mobilize volunteers to learn about and contribute to restoration efforts. Combined, these components will result in the engagement of the non-traditional environmental constituency through hands-on education and involvement in local wetland restoration.

Project: Shepherd Canyon Wetlands Restoration Project
Grantee: San Diego Canyonlands
Award: \$21,500

The project will restore approximately 1.3 acres of a three acre wetlands and transitional uplands site in City of San Diego owned open space in the Tierrasanta Open Space Maintenance District, by removing invasive trees and plants that threaten habitat value and planting native trees, shrubs, and grasses. The project will activate the Tierrasanta community and youth groups by conducting interpretive activities and educational events and enrolling local residents and residents from the broader community and students in the wetlands restoration project.